

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Fig(s). 1, 2, and 12;

Species II, illustrated in Fig(s). 1, 13, and 19;

Species III, illustrated in Fig(s). 20;

Species IV, illustrated in Fig(s). 22;

Species V, illustrated in Fig(s). 24 and 25;

Species VI, illustrated in Fig(s). 26; and

Species VII, illustrated in Fig(s). 29 and 30.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species II, illustrated in Fig(s). 1, 13, and 19, with traverse.

Claim(s) 3, 4, 6, and 8 are directed to the elected species.

☐ Applicant(s) hereby respectfully petitions for 0 month(s) extension of time for the filing of the present paper in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings, Registration No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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